

WASHINGTON, August 24.—Unfriendly flavor
able comment followed the President's ap-
pointment of Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith
to succeed Gen. George N. Marshall as
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Their being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

Mr. President, I think we can be particularly proud that General Smith has responded to this call of duty by the President himself, after a very serious operation, when some of his friends were worried about him. Indeed, he is showing his patriotic feelings in responding to the President's request, as he has always done. When every life, he is showing his patriotic feelings, in responding to the President's request, as he has always done. When every life, he is showing his patriotic feelings, in responding to the President's request, as he has always done. When every life, he is showing his patriotic feelings, in responding to the President's request, as he has always done.

The impression widely held in the Moscow diplomatic corps when General Smith arrived here a year ago was that he was just another simple soldier. He is far from that. Although Moscow has learned that training and experience have tested his personality with surprising intelligence, endurance, and experience, with the highest qualifications of a statesman, he has won the respect and admiration of all who have met him. His personal qualities are outstanding. He is a man of great tact and good breeding, and his manner is always courteous and considerate. He is a man of great tact and good breeding, and his manner is always courteous and considerate. He is a man of great tact and good breeding, and his manner is always courteous and considerate.

General Smith put great stress on the necessity for adjusting our propaganda and information activities to the particular psychology of the people to whom it is addressed. He said:

I think that the Voice of America and our other media of information have been considerably improving because they are beginning to realize correctly the psychology of their listeners and not the psychology of the people in this country who hear it or read it.

I believe that General Smith's new approach, with its underbrace studies of the capacity, will undermine studies of the alternative effectiveness of our information activities in every country in the world.

And will help to guide the Voice of America into the most effective possible pattern. I hope that the entire information program needs here. One of the greatest weaknesses of the field and lack of funds to date has been lack of systematic evaluation in the field.

On July 7 of this year, when General Smith tested before the subcommittee headed by the Senator from Utah [Mr. Thomas], which was considering Senate Resolution 243, he deserted his own conservation to the importance of the psychological element in international relations, as follows:

Most of our people do not know how important the office of Chief Central Intelligence is. It is one of the most important positions in the country. Our safety depends upon it. It is not too long for many of us at least to remember Peat Harbor, and to realize that good is a strong and powerful Navy which good is the Navy itself. After all, what good is a degenerate and powerless Department, when I was lack of adequate incoming intelligence, incapable of defeating Peat Harbor, through lack of General Smith when I first met him.

Mr. BENTON. Mr. President, I should like to speak about my warm friend and close associate, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith. I was absent from the Senate on Monday when his nomination to the office of Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency was confirmed. I feel that among a rather wide acquaintance of mine own throughout the United States there could have been no happier appointment than that of General Smith to this particular time. I wrote President Truman that it is not often that the perfect man and the right job come together at such a time as this.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL SMITH AS
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY



GEN. WALTER BEDELL SMITH
SENATOR BENEDICT'S SPEECH IN
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